

REMARKS

Claims 3, 8, 13, 17 and 19 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 6, 10, 11, 12, 15, 18 and 21 have been amended. Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-12, 14-16, 18 and 20-22 are currently pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

I. OBJECTIONS TO THE SPECIFICATION AND THE DRAWINGS:

The claims have been amended to overcome the objections. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the objections are overcome.

II. OBJECTION TO THE CLAIMS:

As mentioned above, "objected to" claims 3, 8, 13, 17 and 19 have been incorporated into independent claims 1, 6, 10, 11, 15, 18 and 21, respectively.

III. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1, 2, 4-7, 9-12, 14-16, 18 AND 20-22 UNDER 35 U.S.C. 102(a) AS BEING ANTICIPATED BY THE APPLICANTS ADMITTED PRIOR ART ("AAPA"):

Claims 1, 6, 10, 11, 15, 18 and 21 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of cancelled claims 3, 8, 13, 17 and 19, respectively. Thus, claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-12, 14-16, 18 and 20-22 are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

IV. CONCLUSION:

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that each of the claims patentably distinguishes over the prior art, and therefore, defines allowable subject matter. A prompt and favorable reconsideration of the rejection along with an indication of allowability of all pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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